



HOUSE BILL No. 5123

September 26, 1995, Introduced by Rep. Gnodtke and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 628 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 257.628 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 628 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1988, being
3 section 257.628 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 628. (1) If the state transportation commission or
6 county road commission, with respect to highways under its juris-
7 diction, and the director of the department of state police
8 jointly determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic
9 investigation that the speed of vehicular traffic on a state

1 trunk line or county highway is greater or less than is
2 reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist at an
3 intersection or other place or upon a part of the highway, the
4 officials acting jointly may determine and declare a reasonable
5 and safe maximum or minimum speed limit on that state trunk line,
6 county highway, or intersection which shall be effective at the
7 times determined when appropriate signs giving notice of the
8 speed limit are erected at the intersection or other place or
9 part of the highway. If a superintendent of a school district
10 determines that the speed of vehicular traffic on a state trunk
11 line or county highway, which is within 1,000 feet of a school in
12 the school district of which that person is the superintendent,
13 is greater or less than is reasonable or safe, the officials
14 shall include the superintendent of the school district affected
15 in acting jointly in determining and declaring a reasonable and
16 safe maximum or minimum speed limit on that state trunk line or
17 county highway. The maximum speed limit on all highways or parts
18 of highways upon which a maximum speed limit is not otherwise
19 fixed pursuant to this act shall be 55 miles per hour. ~~However,~~
20 ~~on all highways or parts of highways upon which a maximum speed~~
21 ~~limit of 65 miles per hour is permitted by federal law, the maxi-~~
22 ~~um speed limit shall be 65 miles per hour.~~

23 (2) If upon investigation the state transportation commis-
24 sion or county road commission and the director of the department
25 of state police find it in the interest of public safety, they
26 may order the township board, or city or village officials to
27 erect and maintain, take down, or regulate the speed control

1 signs, signals, or devices as directed, and in default of an
2 order the state transportation commission or county road commis-
3 sion may cause the designated signs, signals, and devices to be
4 erected and maintained, taken down, regulated, or controlled, in
5 the manner previously directed, and pay for the erecting and
6 maintenance, removal, regulation, or control of the sign, signal,
7 or device out of the highway fund designated.

8 (3) A public record of all speed control signs, signals, or
9 devices authorized under this section shall be filed in the
10 office of the county clerk of the county in which the highway is
11 located, and a certified copy shall be prima facie evidence in
12 all courts of the issuance of the authorization. The public
13 record with the county clerk shall not be required as prima facie
14 evidence of authorization in the case of signs erected or placed
15 temporarily for the control of speed or direction of traffic at
16 points where construction, repairs, or maintenance of highways is
17 in progress, or along a temporary alternate route established to
18 avoid the construction, repair, or maintenance of a highway, if
19 the signs are of uniform design approved by the state transporta-
20 tion commission and the director of the department of state
21 police and clearly indicate a special control, when proved in
22 court that the temporary traffic-control sign was placed by the
23 state transportation commission or on the authority of the state
24 transportation commission and the director of the department of
25 state police or by the county road commission or on the authority
26 of the county road commission, at a specified location.

1 (4) A person who fails to observe an authorized speed or
2 traffic control sign, signal, or device is responsible for a
3 civil infraction.

4 (5) THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON ALL FREEWAYS SHALL BE 65
5 MILES PER HOUR. The minimum speed limit on all freeways shall be
6 45 miles per hour except if reduced speed is necessary for safe
7 operation or in compliance with law or in compliance with a spe-
8 cial permit issued by an appropriate authority.

9 (6) The maximum rates of speed allowed pursuant to this sec-
10 tion are subject to the maximum rates established pursuant to
11 section 629b, section 627(5) to (7) for certain vehicles and
12 vehicle combinations, and section 629(4).

13 (7) A citation or civil infraction determination for exceed-
14 ing a lawful maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour by driving
15 65 miles per hour or less shall not be considered by any person
16 in establishing automobile insurance eligibility or automobile
17 insurance rates.